

In the claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

1 – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method of making a composition comprising melting and blending a poly(vinyl alcohol), a poly(ethylene oxide), one or more polar vinyl monomers and an initiator, under sufficient heat and shear conditions to form a homogenous melt blend of poly(vinyl alcohol) and a graft copolymer of poly(ethylene oxide).

13. (Previously Presented) A method of making a film comprising forming a melt blend of a poly(vinyl alcohol), a poly(ethylene oxide), one or more polar vinyl monomers and an initiator, under sufficient heat and shear conditions to form a homogenous melt blend of poly(vinyl alcohol) and a graft copolymer of poly(ethylene oxide); and extruding the melt blend to form a film.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method of making a composition comprising melting and blending a poly(vinyl alcohol) and a graft copolymer of poly(ethylene oxide), wherein the graft copolymer of poly(ethylene oxide) comprises a poly(ethylene oxide) backbone main chain, and one or more chains derived from one or more monomers that differ chemically or configurationally from the poly(ethylene oxide) backbone, and wherein the one or more chains are bonded at one or more points along the poly(ethylene oxide) backbone, and

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wherein the graft copolymer of poly(ethylene oxide) is prepared from a poly(ethylene oxide) resin that is grafted simultaneously while blended with the poly(vinyl alcohol).

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein the one or more monomers comprise one or more vinyl monomers.

17 – 24 (Canceled)